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MOSCOW, Sept. 30 (UPI) — Soviet officials have arrested an American tourist for allegedly distributing propaganda for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and expelled him from the country, a Russian newspaper said today.

The "Daily Truth" (Labor) newspaper said the American was identified as Nicholas H. Riegg, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. It said Mr. Riegg "confessed" to criminal behavior during visits to the Soviet Union in September, 1964, and August and September, 1965.

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U.S. embassy officials said they were looking into the allegations. They said they had not immediate information on Mr. Riegg or his alleged confession and expulsion, but had doubt on the authenticity of charges.

"I doesn't seem likely that the Soviets had really captured a man who they were sure was a CIA agent they would let him go just like that," a spokesman said.

While Trud did not explain the circumstances in which Riegg was picked up, Tass said